¶ By the Quene.

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THE Quenes Maieſtie, hauinge ſundry complayntes made to her, aſwell by the Imbaſſadour of her good brother the kynge of Spayne, as by certayne marchauntes ſtraungers, and theyr factours, that of late certaine ſhippes and marchaundizes, paſſynge through her narrowe Seas, haue bene vppon the South coſte of thys her Realme of Englande, or nere therunto, taken by French ſhippes that came out of Newehauen in Normandy, and that certayne of her ſubiectes ſhoulde be aydynge therunto, or at the leaſt after the ſame ſo done, ſhoulde take part of the commodities thereof: Hath thought it mete and neceſſary, to notifie her pleaſure and intention, generally to all her portes on the ſayde South part of Englande, becauſe hytherto the particularities of the offences, are not to her declared nor knowen, whiche is this. Her Maieſtie vpon the worde of a Prynce, aſſureth all perſons, that ſhe neuer knewe of any ſuch attemptes, intended by any of her ſubiectes, neyther gaue auctoritie or permiſſion, nor knoweth of any geuen, by any vnder her, to any perſon, to allowe or procure any ſuch act: but hath and doth meane, whatſoeuer any particuler euyll ſubiectes of hers, ſhall haue geuen contrary cauſe to thynke, to ſee all marchauntes of all other nations, paſſynge through her narrowe Seas with theyr ſhippes and veſſels, or hauntynge her portes, to be as fauourably vſed and preſerued, as her owne naturall ſubiectes.

And therfore her Maieſtie ordereth and commaundeth, that for the ſatisfaction of theſe complayntes, wherſoeuer it ſhall appeare, that any ſubiect of hers, hath eyther helped to take any ſhyp, or ſeaſe any goodes, eyther vpon the ſayde narrowe Seas, or in any part of thys Realme, wherevnto he or they haue no iuſt tytle, by lefull meanes, and with conſent of the owners: That euery publyke officer in euery ſuche place, where eyther ſuch perſon ſo offending, or the goodes ſo iniuſtly gotten, can be found, to arreſt and commyt to priſon the perſon, and to ſeaſe the goodes, vntyll it ſhall further appeare vppon the particuler proſecution of the parties damaged, what is further to be done by lawe and iuſtice. And for the time to come, her Maieſtie ſtraytly chargeth all maner her ſubiectes, to forbeare from the attempt of takinge or diſturbynge of any ſhyppes or veſſels, or from aydynge of any other ſo to do: but to lyue in good peace with all maner of ſubiectes, appertaynynge to any Prynce or countrey, with whom her Maieſtie is in amitie. For otherwyſe, her Maieſtie wyll no wyſe ſpare from extremitie of puniſhment without fauour or remiſſion.

Yeuen at her Maieſties pallayce of Weſtminſter, the. viii. day of February, in the fifte yeare of her hyghnes raygne. 1562.

God ſaue the Quene.

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